

SERIAL NO. 10/720,912

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) on Bair ('488) and Jacquet ('384). In view of these references, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and amended claim 2 to include monomers grafted onto PVA which are not disclosed in the references and are in the examples and elsewhere in the specification herein.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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